

## MINUTES OF BOCC SPECIAL MEETING

**Board of Commissioners of Grant County, Oklahoma (BOCC)** held a special meeting Thursday, January 6, 2022. Notice of the Meeting, including agenda, was posted at both entrances of the Grant County Courthouse, Medford, OK, Tuesday, January 4, 2022 by 6:30 p.m. in accordance with ***Title 25, §301-314 O.S.***

Hess made a motion to call the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Stinson seconded. Stinson – aye; Fredrick – absent; Hess – aye; Motion carried.

After roll call, a quorum was acknowledged. Present were Max L. Hess and Steve Stinson. Craig A. Fredrick was absent due to illness. Cindy Pratt was also present. In attendance were also 24 members of the public. The sign-in sheet will be retained in the records of the County Clerk's Office. Teleconferencing was enabled to comply with the amended Open Meetings Act.

Pratt acknowledged the agenda was properly posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Stinson commented that the training requirements for EMS continue to become more intense. Volunteers struggle to find time for this training. The goal of the BOCC is to ensure that all citizens of Grant County have available ambulance services.

Hess clarified that the Medford Ambulance services the north part of Grant County and Pond Creek Ambulance services the south part of Grant County.

The floor was opened for discussion. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of creating an Ambulance Service District Board or other possible solutions to providing sufficient ambulance services to all of Grant County. Discussion was had regarding issues of response times and the fact that some residence live closer to ambulance services in surrounding counties but still have county ambulance services dispatched to the call since they live in Grant County. Grant County's 911 runs through Woods County 911. Ashley Woodall from Woods County 911 explained that the 911 system is being upgraded to a GIS system. This will allow the 911 operator to determine the location of the caller by ping off your cellphone location rather than pinging off the closest cellphone towers. The GIS system allows for a more accurate location of the caller and will help determine what ambulance service to dispatch for the fastest response.

Justin Bentley of PC Ambulance relayed there are issues with finding EMT and/or Paramedics to cover all shifts. PC Ambulance is in negotiations with Miller EMS to provide coverage/personnel when needed. This would be a 6-month contract for service. The current annual expenses for PC Ambulance are approximately \$125,000.00.

At 8:05 p.m. Stinson moved to adjourn. Hess seconded. Stinson – aye; Fredrick – absent; Hess – aye; Motion carried.

Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022

### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – GRANT COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

/s/ Max L. Hess, Chairman    /s/ Steve Stinson, Vice Chairman    /s/ Craig A. Fredrick, Member  
/s/ Cindy Pratt, County Clerk